

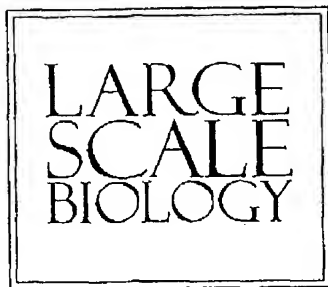
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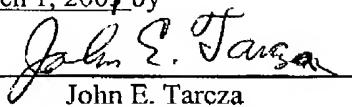
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
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P.O. Box 1450
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Date: March 1, 2004

Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Rejection mailed November 28, 2003, wherein the Examiner set a three-month period for response, this response is timely filed because the 3 month time period falls on a weekend. See 37 CFR § 1.17(a).

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.